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With the help of the New Rural Economy project, led by Concordia's William Reimer, Canada's rural communities are taking steps to remain a vibrant part of our country

by Julie Gedeon

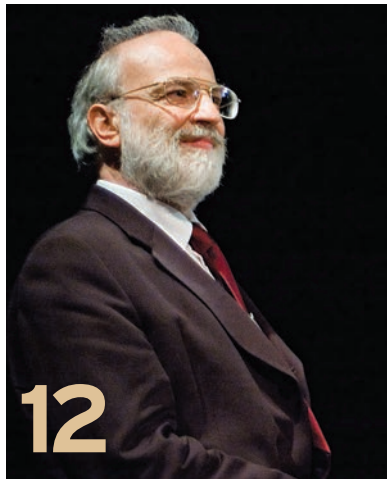


Cover: In regions such as Hussar, Alberta, the NRE project has helped reboot rural economies.

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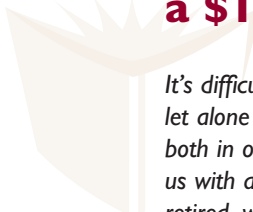
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Make a difference!

Ordinary people making a \$1 million difference



It's difficult for academics to find work in the same city, let alone the same university, yet Concordia hired us both in our respective fields in 1974, and it has provided us with a home since. Today, although we're now both retired, we continue to conduct our research, work with graduate students, and teach — we'll even be offering a course together next year.

We are passionate about the importance of providing young people accessible, quality university education. We are also well aware that, unfortunately, an increasing number of students need to juggle work and family with their studies, and that financial hurdles often block the path to their degrees.

In the early 1990s we met a financial advisor and discovered that we were able to fund a \$1 million life insurance policy at an affordable annual deposit, with Concordia University as owner and beneficiary.

It was a magical number and we really felt like we would be making a difference.

Our policy is now paid up. The eventual \$1 million disbursement will set up the Kornblatt Bursaries and Scholarships Endowment for Concordia undergraduate students.

Concordia has treated us well, and now we're repaying an old debt.

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Voluntary service

Given that what we do at Concordia serves such an important function in our society — disseminating and creating knowledge through teaching and research — we in turn benefit from the involvement of a great number of volunteers. From the Board of Governors and the Concordia University Alumni Association through Faculty advisory boards, fundraising campaign teams and countless committee members — including this magazine's editorial board — volunteers play an essential role in allowing the University to do what it does.

According to the Online Etymology Dictionary (etymonline.com), a "volunteer" originally referred to "one who offers himself for military service" (we do expect much from our volunteers, but not *that* much) but eventually included those giving themselves to other causes. The word "voluntary" originates from the Latin *voluntarius*, meaning "of one's free will." While some convicted offenders are pressed into community service in lieu of jail time, I assure you that our volunteers do, indeed, offer themselves to Concordia of their own volition.

The Alumni Association recently celebrated its top volunteers and standout members of the community at its alumni recognition awards reception, where, as usual, the good work by good people was duly rewarded (see page 21). I also recently was lucky to be able to interview a couple of our volunteer alumni chapter presidents, Constantin Loudiadis, BA 78, and Denis Kefallinos, BEng 91 (see page 23). As always, I was struck by the enthusiasm and commitment they bring to their roles, despite (or maybe because) it's benevolent.

Clearly, people like Denis and Constantin are successful at what they do because they don't know how to approach something halfway. We're



fortunate to have these two and many others like them playing for our side.

At Loyola College, the Jesuits and other faculty members explicitly taught their students to be "a man for others" (they were mostly men). At Sir George, as several of this issue's letters (see page 4) point out, Henry F. Hall, together with a long list of professors like Douglas B. Clarke, Francelia Butler and Neil Compton, embodied the same concept. At the Spirit of Inquiry conference at the University in May (see "Creating Inquiring Minds," page 12), the teachers at today's Concordia displayed their passion to make our students better — teaching is their vocation, but it is among the noblest kind, and for most it's also their avocation.

These folks get it. They recognize that our responsibility isn't only to ourselves and our immediate families but to our

extended families, our community. Those communities can be defined in many ways — the movement to stop global warming, for instance, affects a pretty big community. But any kind of volunteering, even if slightly less ambitious, makes a huge difference. Coaching a soccer team, sitting on a school association or working with an alumni chapter serves a purpose and ultimately reaps rewards — for both the giver and receiver.

I recently witnessed a near-terrible accident involving a young boy who was struck by a car — remarkably, he walked away practically unscathed. The second he was knocked to the street, I reacted as if he were my own. So did dozens of friends and neighbours who ran to the injured child. Our instincts were the same, as the African proverb goes: "It takes a village to raise a child."

The volunteers I've met, at Concordia and elsewhere, naturally act like their community is their family, their village. Most of us seem good at remembering to forget what's really important in life. Fortunately, our volunteers are there to remind us. ■



Hall deserves better

I read the excellent article by Brian Selwood, "The Humanism of Henry F. Hall" (Spring 2007), and it reminded me how upset I am as an alumni by the disrepair of the building that was named after him.

I entered the Hall Building as an arts faculty student in 1969. I have wonderful memories of my years of studies and all the special teachers and friends I met there. In fact, I met my future husband in the seventh floor cafeteria.

The Hall Building doesn't seem to have been renovated in its 40 years of existence. I think that Dr. Hall deserves to be remembered with more respect.

**Anne Cimon,
BA (Eng. lit) '93
Montreal**

Ed's note: There have been significant ongoing renovations in the Hall Building in recent years, and there are plans for further renovations.

Thanking Dr. Hall

I wanted to thank you most sincerely for the beautiful and also nostalgic article, "The Humanism of Henry F. Hall" by Brian Selwood, which highlighted and paid tribute to the wonderful personality and also humanism of the late Dean of Sir George Williams University. I came to Canada from Scotland as a qualified engineer in 1957. Two years later, in 1959, I made the decision

to enter the ministry of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, but before being eligible to enter the theological seminary I was required to complete a certain number of courses in arts at a university level. I was advised by a friend to seek an interview with Dr. Hall.

I did receive a very gracious interview with him, probably in the same location as the photo in the magazine. He listened with great interest and also a sympathetic understanding, and said, "If you are serious, get



some credits and re-apply here." He also gave me the name of the Dean of Extramural Studies at Queen's University. I was accepted at Queen's and completed my first year, then re-applied to Sir George and was immediately accepted.

One of the first mandatory courses I had was Natural Science, taught by Dr. Hall. No student who ever sat through one of Dr. Hall's lectures will ever forget the

teaching and information this wonderful man sought to pass to his students.

I have on my office wall my original Sir George Williams degree and also the special commemorative degree from 2005. After graduating, I subsequently completed postgraduate theological courses and have now been an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church in Canada for over 40 years. I attribute a lot of this to Dr. Henry F. Hall. I am proud to have been one of his students.

**Rev. R.L. Inglis, S BA 69
Fabreville, Que.**

Well evolved

The article by Perry Greenbaum on Gad Saad ("Evolved Consumers," Spring 2007) was a total delight. I am at a loss for words to express my deepest appreciation for Gad Saad, your magazine and Perry Greenbaum.

To top it off, the article by Brian Selwood on the magnificent human being, Henry Foss Hall, was too much! I remember all too well Dr. Hall's great lectures in the Salvation Army Citadel; and, for that matter, Professor H. Quin's in political science.

**Harry Barakett, S BComm 52
Toronto**

60 and counting

May 30, 2007, marked a double anniversary for me, because it will be 60 years since obtaining a BSc (from SGW), and 51 years since earn-

ing an MSc (from McGill).

At this time, I am undecided about journeying down to Montreal this fall to attend the 60th reunion Homecoming ceremonies, because 10 years ago (at our 50th anniversary) only six of us attended the affair. And since then, Ken Adams (one of the attendees) passed away.

But whether or not I attend, I want to take this opportunity to reiterate my thanks to all the great teachers I had during my student days at Sir George. They provided me with a great education – which I am still using today – 16 years after my mandatory retirement in 1991.

Now I spend part of my leisure time writing public-interest articles (for my fellow condominium residents), and I published my autobiography, *Musings of a Native Son*, in 2005.

**Thomas F. Massiah, S BSc 47
Toronto**

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P R E S I D E N T ' S M E S S A G E



Celebrating our teachers

Last May I was honoured to acknowledge an individual who stands for all that makes our University special.

At the national conference hosted by Concordia, "Spirit of Inquiry: Developing critical thinking, creativity and community,"

I presented the first President's Award for Teaching Excellence to Professor and Associate Chair in Computer Science Peter Grogono.

One month later, at our June convocations, we celebrated the more than 3,000 graduates who set off to a new world. It's fulfilling to know that these former Concordia students and new alumni are carrying with them the wisdom and insight passed on to them by teachers such as Peter Grogono.

Dr. Grogono represents the ideal Concordia professor: he's a top researcher, having published many technical papers and six books, and his textbook, *Programming in Pascal*, has sold over 1 million copies worldwide. And as a teacher, he was already the recipient of several awards recognizing his talents, including the first ENCS Teaching Excellence Award in 1998.

The national conference, part of the McGraw-Hill Ryerson Teaching, Learning and Technology Conference series, served to remind us all that, like Peter Grogono, our faculty members take their responsibility of teaching — along with research and community service — to heart.

In the past decade we have been fortunate to have hired 500 new faculty members. These young professors were brought on board in part because they are outstanding researchers, and as a result Concordia has reinforced its research profile and has become a



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leader in several key areas of research that will have a growing impact on society. But in each case we have also ensured that these new faculty members are enthusiastic educators, in line with Concordia's efforts to achieve the best quality of teaching, research and innovation possible.

men, just as our graduates, I'm sure, will remain grateful for the invaluable education they received from our committed teachers at Concordia. ▀

Claude Lajeunesse

President, Concordia University

F U N D R A I S I N G N E W S

Hydro-Québec donates \$8 million to Concordia University

"Energy efficiency is one of Hydro-Québec's top priorities," said Thierry Vandal, President and CEO of Hydro-Québec, as he announced Hydro's \$8 million donation to Concordia University at a reception in the Engineering, Computer Science and Visual Arts Complex in April. Vandal added, "Concordia University is a reputable institution that we are proud to count as a partner in our energy efficiency efforts."

From the \$8 million gift, \$4.8 million will be used to create two new multidisciplinary research chairs in the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science. The chair in Electrical Energy Conservation will research areas including distribution

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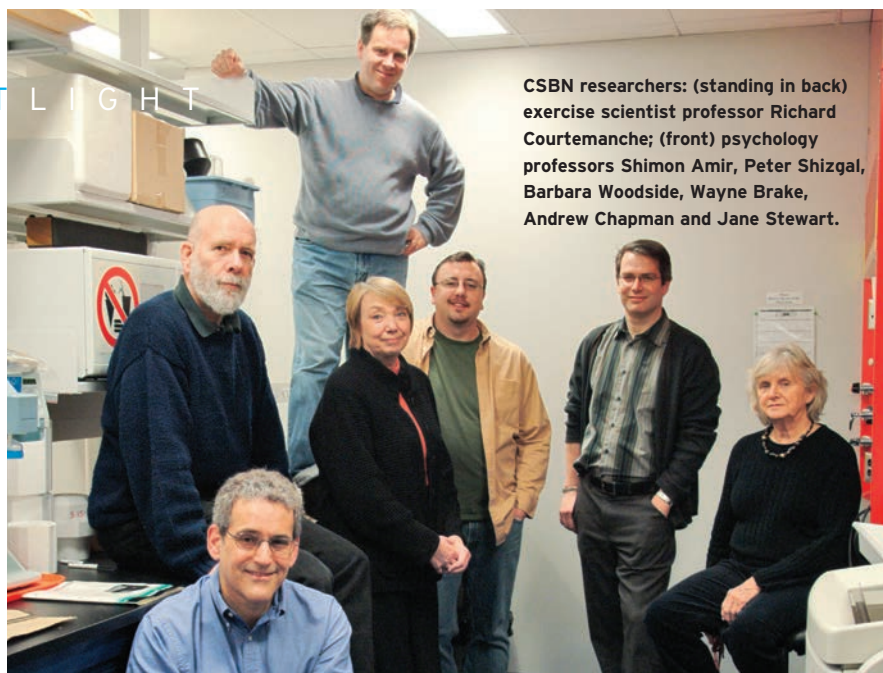
RESEARCH SPOTLIGHT

CSBN reaps recognition and funds

In the case of the Centre for Studies in Behavioral Neurobiology (CSBN), collegiality really works.

The research centre, one of the jewels in Concordia's crown, has been given an infrastructure grant of \$1 million over four years by the Fonds de la recherche en santé du Québec (FRSQ), the province's medical granting agency. It's the first time a university without a faculty of medicine has been given such funding in the area of health.

It's not the first time, however, the CSBN has turned heads. Founded in 1982 by senior researchers Jane Stewart, Roy Wise, Zalman Amit and Peter Shizgal, the Centre has earned much media attention over the years (including *Concordia University Magazine*, December 2003). When the CSBN was launched, its primary focus was on the neurobiological mechanisms involved in drug addiction. As the years went on, that interest expanded to a much broader range of appetite motivation.



CSBN researchers: (standing in back) exercise scientist professor Richard Courtemanche; (front) psychology professors Shimon Amir, Peter Shizgal, Barbara Woodside, Wayne Brake, Andrew Chapman and Jane Stewart.

KATE HUTCHINSON

"If you include cigarettes and alcohol, most people have experience with drugs. Everybody eats. Most people have sex," current director Barbara Woodside says. "What makes some people addicted or obese, and not others?"

The FRSQ report remarked on the Centre's wide application to health issues, and noted how dynamic and active the CSBN is. It has 11 regular members, all faculty at Concordia, and six associate members. 🐾

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automation, demand-side management, economic factors, environmental issues, consumer profiling and human behaviour; the chair in Distribution Automation and Integrated Building Design and Operation will focus on multidisciplinary research to develop energy efficient, high-performance sustainable buildings at lower costs. The remaining \$3.2 million will be used for scholarships and fellowships (Bourses Hydro-Québec) for Concordia students.

Concordia President Claude Lajeunesse told guests at the reception, "This announcement marks the latest step in a long and fruitful partnership between Concordia's



At the Hydro-Québec donation announcement, April 12: Nabil Esmail, Dean of Engineering and Computer Science; Kathy Assayag, Vice-President, Advancement & Alumni Relations; Thierry Vandal, Hydro-Québec President and CEO; Marie-José Nadeau, Vice-President, Hydro-Québec; and Concordia President Claude Lajeunesse.

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Concordia University and Hydro-Québec are collaborating on a number of successful projects, including the Solar Buildings Research Network, which is headquartered at Concordia and works on the adaptation and innovative integration of new and existing solar and building technologies for the Canadian climate and marketplace.

The Hydro gift follows the announcement in January that the Desjardins Group had donated \$2 million to the JMSB, to provide students with scholarships and bursaries and establish the Desjardins Centre for Innovation in Business Finance. 🐾

Engineering Faculty and Hydro-Québec. These research chairs, together with other work being done in the Faculty, make ENCS a leader in this field."

New school and deans set to begin

This summer, Concordia will welcome two deans into its fold — along with a new school.

Noel C. Burke will become the first Dean of the School of General Studies, beginning July 1 for a five-year term. The School of General Studies, which will formally kick off at the same time, will address non-credit studies, web-based distance education, off-campus education and credit studies, and serve the specific needs of independent, mature and visiting students. The creation of the School is part of meeting Concordia's promise to be as accessible as possible while maintaining the highest academic standards.



Noel Burke

Since 2002, Noel Burke has been Assistant Deputy Minister for the English-Speaking Community in the Quebec government's Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport. Before that, he was Assistant Director General and Educational Services Director for the New Frontiers School Board. He has also held several teaching positions, including for the Faculty of Graduate Studies in Education and the Faculty of Education — Distance Education Department at McGill University, and for Concordia's Department of Education. Burke has a BEd and an MEd in Administration and Policy Studies from McGill.

One month after Dean Burke begins, on August 1, **Sanjay Sharma** will step in as the new dean of the John Molson School of Business (JMSB), for a five-year term. He will succeed Jerry Tomberlin, who has been the JMSB's dean since 2002.

Sharma brings solid business experience as well as a broad background

in scholarship and academic administration. He is currently the Canada Research Chair in Organizational Sustainability and Professor of Policy in the School of Business & Economics at Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo, Ont. Since 2005, he has been the director of the Certified Management Accountants' Centre for Responsible Organizations. He was at Saint Mary's University in Halifax before joining Wilfrid Laurier.



Sanjay Sharma

Record-setting year for JMSB students

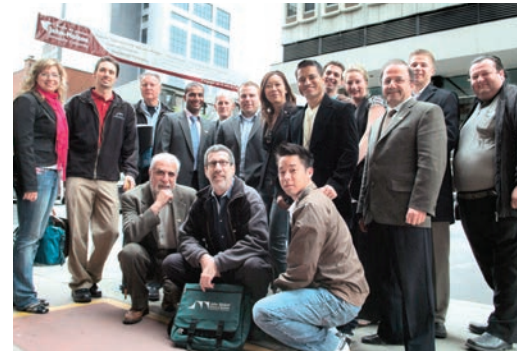
The year 2006-07 proved to be a bullish one for students in Concordia's John Molson School of Business (JMSB), as they set a record for Eastern Canadian universities by winning overall gold at the three most prestigious commerce competitions in Eastern Canada.

The success began at the 19th TD Meloche Commerce Games, hosted by HEC Montréal in January 2007, where the

JMSB landed five gold, four silver and two bronze medals, finishing at the top for academic disciplines and overall score. Less than two weeks later, a team of undergraduates took home overall gold at Omnimium Financier, also hosted by HEC Montréal, with four gold medals and one silver out of six disciplines. Finally, the JMSB scored another overall gold at Marketing Happening in March, winning three gold medals, one silver and two bronze out of six disciplines. The JMSB played host to 10 schools from Ontario and Quebec at Marketing Happening.

In total, 45 JMSB undergraduate teams competed in the 2006-07 competition season, resulting in an impressive 32 podium finishes.

Mark Haber, Director of the Undergraduate Competition Program and Head Coach, received the Trophée Reconnaissance from the Commerce Games organizing committee for his dedication. He said, "Our students have gone out to competitions across Canada, the U.S. and internationally and shown that the JMSB is a winning school. My vision has been to make John Molson the number one undergraduate case competitor in the world, and I think we are either there, or very close." 🏆



The team of JMSB students, coaches and faculty.

KATE HUTCHINSON

The author and editor of numerous publications in the highest ranked journals in management, Sharma has participated in a number of international and national research bodies and advised several corporations and not-for-profit organizations, such as the World Bank and the International Finance Corporation. He was a Fulbright Scholar in 2001-2002 and has served on research adjudication committees of councils.

Prior to his academic career, Sharma had 16 years of senior management experience with international corporations in the U.K. and India. He earned his PhD in Management in 1996 from the University of Calgary. 🏆



After a manufacturing downturn, Newfoundland's remote Twillingate has renewed itself as a whale watching and iceberg tours destination.

RURAL RENEWAL



DON LOVERIDGE

When the residents of Hussar, Alberta, met Professor William Reimer of Concordia's Department of Sociology and Anthropology and his colleagues a few years ago, the people from the tiny Prairie town believed refilling their Dead Horse Lake would improve their fortunes.

"Bad idea," the leading researcher of the New Rural Economy (NRE) project and his colleagues thought. "Not only would the lake dry out again, but tourists weren't going to drive out of their way to picnic there."

As part of the research of the NRE project (nre.concordia.ca) into how rural economies are being affected and undergoing transformation, they began discussions with Hussar's policymakers, consultants, government agency representatives, community organizers and other residents. They also later arranged for a Hussar resident to be part of a cultural exchange to see what the Japanese were doing to keep their rural communities vibrant.

ities are no longer necessarily bucolic hubs dotted with small factories and big barns on family farms," Reimer says. "And the people who live in them say their kids need jobs or they'll leave."

The shutdown of a mainstay business doesn't have to spell the end of a community. For instance, unwilling to leave their young town, the residents of Tumbler Ridge, British Columbia, asked the government to maintain the school and social services for five years while they came up with a new economic plan. "They redeveloped Tumbler Ridge into a community where active, outdoorsy retirees flocked," Reimer says. "After some kids unearthed dinosaur tracks and a world expert verified the site, Tumbler Ridge also set up a dinosaur camp for 70 youngsters and their parents, generating customers for various businesses."

NRE efforts

For more than 20 years, Reimer and his colleagues throughout Canada gathered at the annual conference organized by

five key elements: whether a community had a stable economy, since it's hard to plan anything without one; whether it was connected to the global economy; whether it was near a major urban centre; whether it had schools, hospitals and other institutions; and, finally, whether the community was leading or lagging.

After locating all of Canada's rural sites, they randomly chose 32 communities that provided a good mix of Yes and No responses for the key categories. "Then we approached those communities about cooperating with us," Reimer says. Some agreed enthusiastically. A few hesitated. Others refused.

Whatever the response, the researchers stuck with the same 32 communities and the project officially began in 1997. A major grant from the Social Science and Humanities Research Council to investigate social cohesion within rural communities meant that economists, sociologists, anthropologists, geographers and other

Concordia Sociology and Anthropology professor William Reimer and the New Rural Economy project's research have helped municipalities of all sizes

BY JULIE GEDEON

"Immediately that person had a different view of what Hussar needed to do," Reimer says. "The community began orienting itself as an asset to Calgary, about an hour's drive away." It built a hockey arena and promoted its use to Calgarians eager for ice time.

"It's that kind of innovative thinking that I've found most sustaining," Reimer says. "It's what's made me stick with the project for 10 years."

Canada's rural communities have been forced to redefine themselves to survive the reduced need for labourers as a result of mechanization and other technological changes. "Rural commu-

the Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation to discuss rural issues. One year they realized that much of their findings were based on anecdotal evidence rather than scientific data, so they set out to establish a national project that would help them identify the factors affecting rural communities.

"We wanted a collaborative project involving local residents, policy-makers, government and non-government agencies, and practitioners such as consultants who help communities with problem-solving or economic development," Reimer says.

The researchers decided to compare



Sociology and Anthropology professor William Reimer has seen many of Canada's rural communities help themselves by taking a new approach to their economies and by working with other towns and even big cities. "There are numerous possible long-term benefits of not treating a city as the enemy."

researchers could get involved. Another grant from the same Council five years ago led to the project shifting its focus to capacity building: the ways in which rural people and communities reorganize themselves for the future. The Council's funding gave the NRE project the long-term stability it needed. About 15 academic researchers have formally been involved and many others are connected to it. More than a dozen universities have participated at any given time.

The researchers worked intensely with 21 communities. "We kept in touch with the others," says Reimer. Some wanted to become involved when they found out what another town was doing; others when they found the necessary volunteers. "One of the first important things we learned is that small communities

neighbouring communities to help out," Reimer recalls. A regional strategy also proved effective when salmon became endangered in New Brunswick's Miramichi River and the area's municipalities, fishers, farmers, foresters and others who usually have little interaction gathered to determine how each of them affected the watershed.

turns the wooden cores from plywood manufacturing into bowling pins. Competitive motorcyclists from all over North America order fibreglass trailers from a manufacturer near Taschereau, Quebec. The Internet has enabled many small communities to advertise and sell their unique products and services around the world.

Rural communities are no longer necessarily bucolic hubs dotted with small factories and big barns. And the people who live in them say their kids need jobs or they'll leave.



The NRE project has worked closely with 21 communities in its 10 years. Pictured from left: Taschereau, Que., home of the world's largest spinning wheel; Tweed, Ont.; Cap-à-l'aigle, Que.; Mackenzie, B.C.; Taschereau, which hosted an NRE workshop in 2006; Mackenzie; Ste. Françoise, Que.; and Hussar, Alta.

are very dependent on their volunteers, who sometimes get burned out, especially in towns losing their population," Reimer says.

Feeling isolated and alone with their problems is another commonality. By getting the communities' members to meet at a national conference, the researchers saw the representatives identifying with each other's concerns and sharing possible solutions.

Success stories

These gatherings inspired communities to step out of their comfort zone, as when Tweed, Ontario, offered to host one year. "Tweed had an old theatre, legion hall, a couple of restaurants, but without conference facilities it had to call upon

Remote communities have to go it alone. Located towards the northern tip of Newfoundland, Twillingate had to replace its diminished timber and sealing enterprises with something that would literally make people go out of their way to visit. The community brainstormed and turned the town into a popular stop for whale watching and iceberg tours.

Finding an economic niche often allows rural enterprises to establish a market. Springhill, Nova Scotia, had struggled after its coal mines shut down in the 1950s. One day, a coalminer's son realized the water filling the underground shafts could be pumped to heat or cool buildings. The inexpensive geothermal energy attracted industry. Near Mattawa, Ontario, a small business

Welcoming others

Sometimes these enterprises hesitate to enter international markets because the accountants or business advisers in their community fear the possible complexity. "Once people have the proper information, it often gives them the confidence to go that next step," Reimer says. "That's what happened in Quebec's Beauce region, where businesses just flourished after they shared information about expanding their markets."

Some kind of manufacturing is often essential. "Our research concluded that if a community is going to survive, it's more than likely because it has a manufacturing base," Reimer says. "Even small companies employing five or six people make a huge difference to a

community's economic health."

With younger generations often seeking their fortunes in the big city, some rural businesses are having trouble finding workers. One solution lies in rural communities extending a welcome mat to immigrants. "You don't see many visible minorities in rural communities," Reimer notes. "Although Canada has a long history of immigration, it seems every generation needs to deal with their unease about strangers."

Slow reactions

Toronto and Montreal haven't yet engaged in such co-operation, even though both have a huge ecological imprint on their outlying regions. "Look at Laval, where virtually all the rural space is gone," Reimer says. "If we want to preserve an urban lifestyle that includes farmers' markets, rural artisans and nearby country settings for weekend getaways, we need to look for opportunities to protect the well-being of our rural communities."

can be a huge benefit. "In some cases, it could help rural communities avoid tragedies such as the deaths from the contaminated water supply in Walkerton, Ontario," Reimer says. For cities that depend on surrounding communities for water, he adds, "it makes sense to monitor the water quality and even have some of their city planners visit the town for a few days to offer advice."

Reimer and his colleagues agree that rural communities need to be cautious



A notable exception is the communities around Winkler, Manitoba, where Mennonites who fled Europe years ago have established successful agricultural and manufacturing enterprises. When their businesses started to expand rapidly, they encouraged Mennonites from Mexico and South America to relocate by arranging government support and services to help them migrate and settle.

Many rural communities are feeling the pressure to reassess their position vis-à-vis a nearby and likely sprawling urban area. Some cities are finally starting to realize their dependence on the clean water, fresh food and other resources supplied by surrounding towns and villages. Edmonton knows its tourist draw relies on preserving the history, culture, heritage and arts of the communities within its midst. So it signed agreements that help support these communities by including details about their attractions in Edmonton's tourism information and in various other ways.

Most cities have probably been slow to move on this front because Canada seemingly had so much space. "If we look at Europe or Japan, we see rural communities are far ahead of us in terms of knowing what they're up against," Reimer says. "We might end up paying a severe price if we don't look at this issue."

Some rural communities have started to resist urban sprawl, but most still welcome residential projects. "Residential developers put tremendous pressure on rural communities, which often see the additional taxation revenue as incredibly attractive," Reimer explains. "But the research clearly shows that the cost of maintaining a large residential area over the long run is much greater than having a small industrial base."

Opportunities exist for rural communities to re-evaluate their relationship with nearby cities. The NRE project discovered that smaller towns can benefit tremendously from municipal alliances. The expertise, technical equipment and other resources that a city typically possesses

about cities usurping their resources or their control over matters, but they also need to investigate opportunities. "If city planners look at how your town works, those planners will leave with a lot more knowledge of that community and keep that in mind when their city makes any decisions," Reimer says.

The culmination of a decade's research has resulted in the NRE project coming up with oodles of useful information for anyone and everyone concerned with a small community. "A lot of what we learned wouldn't have been possible if we hadn't been involved with these communities for 10 years," Reimer adds.

He's most pleased with the Canada-wide network that has been established among the communities associated with the project. "There's a tremendous synergy when people share ideas," Reimer says. "The way some rural communities have transformed themselves has been very gratifying to me as a researcher."

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CREATING INQUIR

The Spirit of Inquiry conference
at Concordia fuelled university
and college teachers' discussions
on the challenges they face
in today's modern environment

BY RAPHAEL BENDAHAN

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What are the ultimate goals of an educator? To impart knowledge, of course, and to ensure that students take in and retain that knowledge. But equally important is to stimulate interest in more learning; that is, to nurture the spirit of inquiry.

But with access to the Internet and Web 2.0, digital recorders and players, wireless laptops and other techno-gadgets being both a potential aid and a distraction for today's students, stimulating that curiosity has become a greater challenge for teachers at all levels.

With that in mind, Concordia's Vice Provost, Academic Programs, Danielle Morin, together with McGraw-Hill Ryerson and Concordia's Centre for Teaching Excellence, organized the 30th McGraw-Hill Ryerson National Teaching, Learning and Technology Conference at Concordia in May, called "Spirit of Inquiry: Developing creativity, critical thinking and community."

From the practical ("Teaching More Effectively and Spending Less Time Doing It") and the technological ("Clickers 201") to the conceptual ("The Art of Deception: Lies My Teacher Taught Me"), the more than 90 presentations stirred the creative pot for the 350 university and college teachers who gathered for the three-

day get-together. McGraw-Hill Ryerson told Morin it was the most successful conference it has ever co-sponsored with a Canadian university.

The use of technology was a big theme. We visit with some of the presenters from Concordia, who talked about the challenges and goals of university teachers today.

From Oxford to online

While the title of Mathematics and Statistics professor Fred Szabo's presentation at the conference — "The Joy of Learning Math Online" — sounds somewhat like an oxymoron, Szabo has been at the forefront of online education for more than 15 years, and he makes his case well. He believes that teaching mathematics interactively with the best of technology can free up students' creativity.

However, the environment that shapes the minds of students today concerns Szabo. "Bombarded with sophisticated multimedia material from morning to night, instant messaging, interminable music, shockingly aggressive videos," he says, "it makes you wonder if the students' minds ever have the peace and tranquility required for reflective thinking and learning. Learners need time to ponder, they need time to err and learn by correcting

their mistakes. The trouble is that too often, the majority of students don't want to think, they want it fast. They don't all want to be educated, they want to be instructed."

With the beta testing of his online linear algebra course complete, Szabo sees it as a return to his own roots as a student. He recalls, "When I was an undergraduate at Oxford University, the central forum for teaching and learning was the tutorial. You were taught one on one, or one on two or three. I'm bringing that back, but in a completely modern way, with online teaching one on one."

Szabo's been working on integrating computer technology into the classroom since his sabbatical year in 1991, when he seriously gave up chalk and blackboards. Now a formidable expert in the field, he's still one of the most articulate critics of technology for its own sake. He's critical of the lack of intelligence or forethought in much that passes for online education. "If you're looking at what publishing companies are producing, they're spending millions of dollars investing in systems that are reactive rather than interactive," he feels. "The students get a question on the screen, they can fill in their answers and press a button that says, 'Well done, Johnny,' and if they're

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wrong. "Try again." He pauses and changes gears. "The software that I use allows students to explore and experiment and see what if. And with guidance and structure, they can discover things for themselves and they can try things on their own."

As far as teaching effectiveness goes, Szabo believes "the willingness to think yourself into the potential of your student and find the right language and example to get your point across is the hallmark of a good teacher. And it's hard to learn that."

Szabo's teaching at Concordia has brought him many such opportunities. He says, "In our system at Concordia, we have this ability to attract some unusual, brilliant minds. They come out of unpredictable nowhere. And I've had the most phenomenal success in promoting the careers of many of these students, there are always the gems that come to you, and they'll help advance the world in a big way."

Szabo sees technology as an opportunity to provide learning for more math students who might never get a chance to attend a university. He says, "There has never been a greater challenge to making a positive difference in the world than that posed by the explosion of multimedia and information technology. But in

teaching and learning we need to focus on what's best in technology." Szabo adds, "It's part of being entrusted with the responsibility to help my students reach their potential, to equip them with values and skills that contribute to our collective good. With interactivity, I'm trying to bridge the gap between the old and new ways of teaching and learning."

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Learning from a distance

These new ways are upon us, believes Andrew McAusland, GrDip (instr. tech) 82, Concordia's Associate Vice-President, Instructional and Information Technology, and president of eConcordia, which provides the University's online courses. "This year Concordia had almost 12,000 enrolled students taking online courses or distance education," McAusland says. "And students who take the courses usually come back for more. Every year the numbers are increasing." Next year, McAusland estimates that 18,000 to 19,000 students will enrol in online courses, with a potential of 35,000 in two years.

There are still issues with the quality of online courses, however. McAusland is a member of the committee entrusted to present recommendations to Concordia President Claude Lajeunesse for online

learning solutions across the University. The committee has found that e-learning is still lagging behind expectations, mainly due to the lack of content providers like Szabo. The academic community still seems squeamish about distance education, because it might undermine classroom instruction and academic performance. To pursue working on such courses requires a commitment in time that some faculty members can't afford. The royalty per head that eConcordia pays professors for the use of their copyrighted material may also factor into their reticence.

Although eConcordia has been around

for five years, to get a course onto the grid takes more than a little elbow grease. It has to be tied to one or a group of professors, approved by the chair of the department and the provost. Then the work of developing the design of the software and the production phase can begin. Not only is eConcordia responsible for helping professors start that process, but it also maintains the technical support and databases that link students from around the world in 16-hour shifts. As it now exists, only certain certificate programs may go online.

Not all tech

Meral Büyükkurt, a professor in the Department of Management Information Systems (MIS) for the John Molson School of Business, has taught for over 25 years, and also recognizes the advantages of technology in the classroom. But that's just the start. "I teach a course that includes a major

consulting project. The technology has enabled each group to manage itself better, to communicate better, to share documents better," she says. "I don't make photocopies anymore — I post the texts on the online class folders. But my style really hasn't changed. It's very interactive. I need to have collaboration. You can't learn passively."

She reports that creating online community bulletin boards for each of her student groups has boosted student involvement. "And on the class bulletin board, anybody can ask any question and somebody will answer, including myself. It's very useful for the students," she says.

Concordia's multicultural reality also has an impact in the classroom. Büyükkurt says, "When you teach a course that requires group work, there is a dynamic that takes place in these multi-ethnic groups, exactly the environment you'll be working in the 'real world,' so this is a good trial space."

Besides the cultural and social expectations students may bring to the class, Büyükkurt believes "we have the knowledge, but part of communication is performing arts too. You need to introduce a spark to the group, get them interested in the topic before they can start listening to you. It doesn't happen by itself. You have to do something to get them engaged in the learning process." ■

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Notes from a teacher

Computer Science & Software Engineering professor Peter Grogono, MA 80, PhD 85, received Concordia's first President's Award for Teaching Excellence at the Spirit of Inquiry conference in May. With a degree in mathematics from Cambridge University in the U.K., Grogono joined the Computer Centre (now known as IITS) at Concordia in 1976, and then completed his MA and PhD. He was the principal architect of the Faculty of Engineering & Computer Science's undergraduate software engineering degree, the first in Quebec. Here are some of his thoughts on teaching and writing computer programs:

✓ Concordia has a huge diversity of students. I come from England, and I have a rather dry, British sense of humour. I learned early on that a lot of students just don't understand that. That's not their vocabulary. In many cases English is not their first language, and they have to cope with learning in a foreign language and learning a difficult subject. So I learned to simplify my speaking.

✓ There's a quote by Barbara Godwin that says, "Teaching is one quarter preparation and three quarters theatre." I think it's something which has become easier for me during my career. I'm not a natural actor and talking to a class was not easy. Now I've been doing it for so long that I'm comfortable doing it. I've got a role as a performer.

✓ Technology is important, but I don't want to overstate it. Essentially, I've taught the same way for 30 years. We still do not have a technology which can match the blackboard for improvisation. In computer science, you always want to write little pieces of code or put up a formula. And chalk and a blackboard is the simplest way to do that.

✓ If students are not thinking, they're not learning. I'll give the students a class assignment which I know they're going to have difficulty with. And of course they'll complain. Then, in the following class, when I show them the solution, they're fully motivated. I always make sure that it's clear that everybody understands the problem, what the difficulty is and what's got to be solved. And then, I go into how you solve it.



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Computer science and software engineering professor Peter Grogono says, "I'm still a little skeptical about distance learning. I'm the old-fashioned Socratic classroom type: I want to be looking at the people I'm teaching at least some of the time."

✓ My wife, Sharon Nelson [S BA 70, MA 80], is a poet, and we see that the construction of a poem is in many ways like the construction of a computer program. You start with a version and you constantly refine it to make it more expressive, clearer, and say what it's supposed to say in the simplest way possible. A program tells a story.

✓ When you consider that so much information is stored in computer databases — our medical records, bank accounts, whole history — there are a lot of ethical and engineering responsibility issues involved. It's very important that our students don't see programming as a cowboy exercise. It's got to be thought of as a professional activity, where making a mistake could have very serious consequences.

Consultant and motivational speaker Tanya Maier, BComm 91, helps bring women up to par with their male colleagues on the golf course and in the boardroom

GETTING COURSE

BY JENNIFER WESTLAKE | PHOTOS BY CHRISTIAN FLEURY

On a majestic golf course, an earnest young man waits for his boss (or future father-in-law, or potential client) to tee off . . . and for his chance to make his case for that great business idea. Playing together all afternoon will surely provide the chance.

This setting has become a cliché — for a reason. “Men have been making deals on golf courses for decades,” says Tanya Maier, BComm (mktg. & int’l. bus.) 91. “But as women climb the corporate ladder, they are realizing, ‘I’d better get out there.’”

If they aren’t, perhaps they should be. That’s the premise of Foresight Strategies (foresightstrategies.com), the

consulting firm headed by Maier, whose mission is to encourage women, as well as men, to “succeed in golf, life and business.”

Fun and business

Maier was an experienced golfer when she began working in customer relations with IBM partner Present in the late ’90s. She soon found that when she invited potential clients out for a round of golf, even those with packed agendas would “move heaven and earth” to make it happen. And why not? Five hours or more out in the sun, walking and chatting in a beautiful setting — sure beats meeting under the fluorescent lights of a conference room or office.

How, though, can you get in on that if you don’t know a driver from a divot? The guys on the green (and they’re still mostly guys) don’t necessarily want to interrupt their game to explain it to golf newbies.

Researching the field in her free time, Maier found that no golf services for professional women existed yet in Canada. So, combining her love of the game, networking and teaching (she offered computer software courses in her first business) — as well as her natural exuberance — she started Foresight Strategies in January 2005.

Now, Foresight Strategies offers seminars and coaching, and runs a women’s golf league. Its Golf 101 and Golf Etiquette corporate and public

Tanya Maier, who was three when her father put a golf club in her hands, advises women (and men) about etiquette on the course — for the game and for networking.

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seminars instruct new golfers on the basic rules and protocols of the game. For example, never cross the invisible line running between another player's ball and its destination — that's akin to showing up at a job interview with coffee stains on your shirt. Foresight Strategies also offers more advanced seminars addressing the ins and outs of networking on the links. There is an inverse relationship between the formal, manicured landscape and the informal, personal banter golfers enjoy. Launching straight into a pitch at the wrong moment can sink your chances of making a positive connection.



Maier exudes zeal for both golf and business.

sand that can just suck the confidence right out of you, if you let them — thus the importance of coaching. Maier tells of one member, Shelley Cameron, who was confronted with water in front of a green in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic (Foresight Strategies also organizes golfing vacations). Worried that she'd hit her ball into it, she did just that. But when Maier convinced her to take out another ball and "commit to the shot," she easily cleared the water.

"If you focus on the negative, that's what you're going to attract," says Maier. "Be patient with your swing, and with the game."

You can play nine holes, have breakfast, do some networking, and be downtown by 9:30 or 10.

Early morning league

Maier acknowledges that women often find it more challenging to take the time to play than men. "What I find is that women tend to feel guilty about it," she says. Maier offers a solution through her Foresight Golf Girls league and its early morning Tuesday get-togethers. Anne Pertus, president of AHP & Associates in Montreal and a league member, explains, "You can meet and play nine holes, have breakfast, do some networking, and be downtown at your office by 9:30 or 10."

Sherri McLeod, a business development manager at TD Waterhouse, says that through the Foresight Golf Girls league she's made significant business connections in industries she would not otherwise have been in contact with. She feels that the brilliance of Foresight Strategies is that it draws on women's strength as "relationship people." With the league, McLeod says, "a beginner can join a foursome of more experienced players without any problem."

Tournaments are good for business networking as well, according to Maier, since the type of game played at these charity events — Vegas style, or Best Ball, where the foursome plays from wherever the best shot of the group has landed — is ideal for golfers who don't get on the course often enough to advance their skills.

All in the mind

All else aside, for beginners of both genders the question is: How in tarnation do you connect that little club with the wee little ball, and send it *waaay* over there? Although Maier does not teach technique, golf pros demonstrate a few basics at some of her seminars. And, according to Maier, once you understand basic golf procedures, four or five lessons should get you connecting with the ball reasonably consistently.

But state of mind — a strength for Maier — plays a big part, too. Golf courses are designed to both dazzle and intimidate with traps of water and

Members of the Foresight Golf Girls league set and share golf-related goals at the start of every season. For some, the goal is simply to get out and play five or six times over the season. More ambitious goals are set, too.

Maier recalls, "One of my members who regularly gets double bogeys" — meaning she typically takes two more shots to sink the ball than the par for the hole — "said she was happy with that. I said, 'I wouldn't be happy, and you shouldn't, either. Don't you want pars and birdies?'"

With evident satisfaction, Maier concludes, "And she responded, 'I never thought of it that way. Yes! I want birdies!'"

*Concordia alumnae are invited to the **Swing & Mingle Golf Clinic and Cocktail** for women at Golf Le Mirage, July 18. For more info: foresightstrategies.com*

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2007 Homecoming

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Abitibi Consolidated Lecture

Thursday, September 27
7-8:30 p.m., Location TBA

With internationally renowned author and fundraising trainer and consultant **Kim Klein**. Open to all.

Shuffle 18

Friday, September 28
1-4 p.m., EV Building

The 18th annual Shuffle, a 6.5-kilometre walkathon from the Sir George Williams Campus to the Loyola Campus to raise funds for scholarships and bursaries. Open to all.

Concordia Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony & Banquet

Friday, September 28
6:30-11 p.m., Location TBA

Outstanding Concordia, Loyola and Sir George Williams athletes, teams and contributors will be inducted at the Sports Hall of Fame. By invitation only.

Homecoming Football Game: Concordia vs. Université de Montréal

Saturday, September 29
1 p.m., Concordia Stadium, Loyola Campus

Come cheer for the Stingers! Open to all.

Family Fair Day

Sunday, September 30
11 a.m.-4 p.m., Loyola Campus grounds

Take the family out for a fun-filled day of special performances and activities on the Loyola grounds! Open to all.

University of the Streets Café

Monday, October 1
6-8 p.m.
Location TBA

Alumni and friends of Concordia are invited to a special presentation of this popular series. Open to all.

Mentorship Networking Cocktail Reception

Monday, October 1
5:30-7:30 p.m.
Location TBA

Mentors and mentees of the Concordia Mentor Program are invited to a special networking reception, with special guest speaker Harold Simpkins of the JMSB. By invitation only.

Garnet Key Alumni Chapter Launch & Cocktail Reception

Wednesday, October 3
5:30-7:30 p.m.
Location TBA

Past members of the prestigious Garnet Key Society are invited to celebrate the launch of the CUAA Garnet Key Chapter at a special cocktail reception. By invitation only.

Faculty of Fine Arts' Funding Your Research Creation workshop

Thursday, October 4
10-11 a.m. or 2-3 p.m.
EV Building, Room 2.776

Hear from Lyse Larose, Research Facilitator for the Faculty of Fine Arts, and two successful grant holders. Open to Fine Arts alumni and students.

Co-op Alumni Chapter Networking Cocktail Reception

Thursday, October 4
5:30-7:30 p.m.
Location TBA

The recently formed Co-op Alumni Chapter will get together with current Co-op students for a cocktail reception with a guest speaker. By invitation only.

Back-to-School Faculty Showcase

Saturday, October 6
10-11:30 a.m., 12-1:30 p.m.
EV Building, Rooms 1.605 & 1.615

Find out about some of the exciting research and work conducted in each of our faculties. Open to all.

Concordia Heritage Society Brunch

Saturday, October 6
10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
Location TBA

The launch of the Concordia Heritage Society, to recognize benefactors for their planned gifts. By invitation only.

Silver & Gold Reunion Brunch and Campus Tour

Sunday, October 7
11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Atrium of the EV Building

Honouring the graduates of the Loyola and Sir George Williams Classes of 1957 and the Concordia Class of 1982. By invitation only.



Luigi D'Astolfo - IPI

Hitting the High Notes

The splendour of the Notre Dame Basilica in Montreal was the perfect setting for the third Hitting the High Notes concert, May 6. More than 1,000 people were treated to the world-class talents of soprano Maria Guleghina, tenor Neil Shicoff, bass-baritone Bryn Terfel, soprano Gianna Corbisiero, mezzo-soprano Irina Mishura and tenor Marc Hervieux, accompanied by the choir and musicians of the Orchestre Métropolitain du Grand Montréal and conductor Yannick Nézet-Séguin. They performed excerpts from Puccini's *Tosca*, Bizet's *Carmen* and Verdi's *Aida*.

Some 300 guests, alumni, students, staff and friends of the University and Montreal business, political and cultural elite attended the dinner following the concert.

The benefit concert raised \$630,000 to support Beaux-Arts Concordia Fine Arts and the Orchestre Métropolitain du Grand Montréal. This was the third Hitting the High Notes event, and proceeds from the 2007 concert brought the total raised to \$1.7 million over the last three years. The honorary co-chairs for Hitting the High Notes 2007 were Jacqueline and Paul Desmarais, Gail and David P. O'Brien, and Carolyn and Richard Renaud.

CUAA ALUMNI RECOGNITION AWARDS

It's always the highlight of the Concordia University Alumni Association (CUAA) calendar, and this year was no exception. At the Sofitel Montreal, 135 Concordia alumni, faculty members, staff and guests came to celebrate this year's award recipients.

Alumnus of the Year Award:

Otis Grant, BA 93, former boxing champion and now the coordinator of the Community Learning Centre at Riverdale High School.

Humberto Santos Award of Merit:

Victor Zilberman, GrDip 85, Concordia wrestling coach and two-time CIAU Coach of the Year.

Benoit Pelland Distinguished Service Award:

Susan Hawke, L BA 74, an associate librarian at Concordia's Careers Resource Centre and chief organizer of the Concordia Used Book Fair.

Honorary Life Membership Award:

Avrum Morrow, President of Avmor Ltd. and a long-time supporter of Concordia. He established the Dora Morrow Fellowship for Excellent Achievement in Visual Arts.

Alumni Award for Excellence in Teaching:

Matthew Hays, BFA 91, MA 99, part-time faculty member in film studies and journalism at Concordia.

Outstanding Faculty/Staff Award:

Roger Côté, Associate Vice-President, Enrolment & Student Services. He led

Concordia's successful Enrolment Management Transformation Project.

MBA Alumnus of the Year Award:

Harold J. Simpkins, S BA 67, MBA 78, Academic Director of the JMSB Marketing Co-op Program and recipient of the Concordia University Institute for Co-operative Education Momentum Award.

Outstanding Student Award:

Mohamed Shuriye, founder of the not-for-profit environmental organization Youth Action Montreal.

Outstanding Student Award:

Jose Gabriel Bran Lopez, President of the Garnet Key Society, acting as ambassador for the University and representing the student body at official events.

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1 CUAA Awards

1 Back: **Mohamed Shuriye, Jose Gabriel Bran Lopez, Matthew Hays** and **Roger Côté**; front: CUAA President **Sean Sprackett, Susan Hawke, Christine Zilberman** (wife of Victor Zilberman), **Otis Grant, Harold Simpkins** and **President Claude Lajeunesse**.

Varsity Athlete

More than 50 alumni, faculty members, staff and friends welcomed Concordia student-athletes into the alumni family at the Graduating Stingers Breakfast, April 19. President Claude Lajeunesse and Lucie Fréchette, BA 96, CUAA Vice-President, Chapters, spoke to the 41 graduating athletes representing eight different sports. Woman's soccer varsity alumna Rhonda Baptiste, BA 95, the driving force behind the Erica Cadieux Memorial Game, spoke about her experience as a

varsity athlete and the positive ways in which it influenced her life.

2 Director of Recreation & Athletics **Katie Sheahan, BA 78, Sylvia Franz**, recipient of the Director's Shield, and **Rhonda Baptiste**.

Co-op

The CUAA's newly formed Co-op Chapter officially kicked off at a cocktail reception at Montreal's Centre Mont-Royal, March 22. More than 200 Co-op alumni, students, staff, friends and employers made the event a resounding success.

3 Chapter Vice-President **William (Freddy) Davy, BComm 01**, and Chapter President **Michael Owen, BComm 02**, enjoy the fun.

Save the Date for the Co-op Chapter's Networking Cocktail Reception during Homecoming,



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October 4. For details, contact Alumni Officer Valerie Roseman, 514-848-2424 ext. 5647, valerie.roseman@concordia.ca.

Fine Arts

The Fine Arts Chapter of the CUAA opened the fourth annual Alumni Art Exhibition, "Acting Between/Body, Space, Time," at Concordia's FOFA Gallery, May 1. FOFA Gallery director Lynn Beavis showcased the talents of six Fine Arts alumni of the past five years. More than 200 alumni, students and faculty members attended the vernissage, where works by Diane Borsato, MFA 03, Parasite (with Tagny Duff, MFA 05), Sarah Febbraro, BFA 06, Thomas Kneubuhler, MFA 03, Ana Rewakowicz, MFA 01, and Andrea Vander Kooij, MFA 05, were on display. **4** Ana Rewakowicz's *SleepingBagDress*.

Garnet Key

It was a special evening for the 110 Garnet Key alumni, guests and members of the University community who attended the Garnet Key Annual Alumni Banquet at Montreal's Loews Hotel Vogue, May 5. President Claude Lajeunesse and Provost and Vice-President, Academic Affairs, Martin Singer congratulated the new members. The 49th Garnet Key members were awarded special honours, and the members of the 50th Garnet Key Society were officially inducted into



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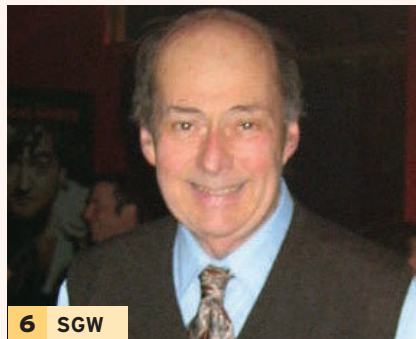
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their upcoming year of service.

The new Garnet Key Chapter will be launched during Homecoming 2007, October 3. For details contact Alumni Officer Valerie Roseman, 514-848-2424 ext. 5647, valerie.roseman@concordia.ca.

TKE

The Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) Kappa Chi Fraternity celebrated the 40th anniversary of the fraternity's establishment at Loyola (now Concordia) in style: 150 TKE brothers, their families and friends attended a marvellous dinner at the Sofitel Montreal, May 4, and many enjoyed a BBQ and campus tour of the Loyola Campus the following day. True to the fraternity's values, proceeds from the evening went to support the TKE Scholarship Fund. The event's co-chairs were Richard Renaud, L BComm 69, Michael Minkoff,



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BComm 68, and **Frank Borowicz**, L BA 69 (5), who co-emceed the event with current TKE Kappa Chi President Jonathan Kebe. Guests heard from Concordia President Claude Lajeunesse and Brian C.M. Barrett, BA 76, the Grand Hypophetes of the International Board of Directors of TKE.

SIR GEORGE WILLIAMS

The Association of Alumni of Sir George Williams University held its 70th Annual General Meeting at Montreal's Montefiore Club. The Association bid a fond farewell to outgoing president **Robert Barnes**, S BComm 71 (6), who completed three two-year terms.

Members elected the new executive: Steve Avram, S BEng 71, MEng 75, President; Robert Barnes, Immediate Past President; Marilyn Miller, S BA 71, BA 76, MBA 88, 1st Vice President;



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Allen Nutik, S BA 78, 2nd Vice President; Gerald Burke, S BA 69, Representative to the Board of Governors; Helen Ann Cave, BA 79, GrDip 85, Secretary; and George Juliver, S BComm 59, S BA 61, Treasurer.

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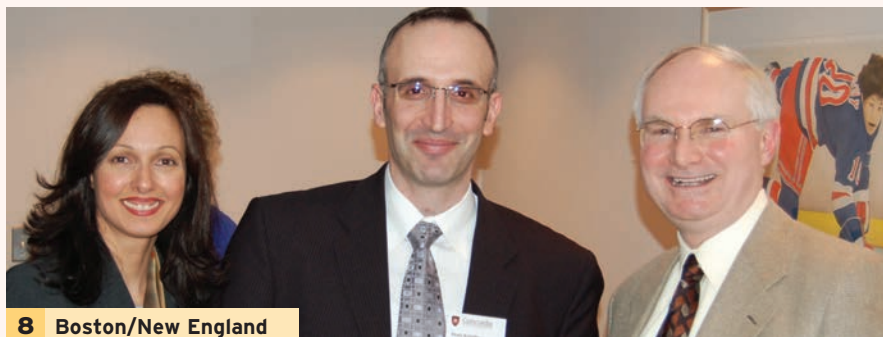
Ottawa

The Ottawa Chapter of the CUAA hosted its 16th Annual Ottawa Alumni Chapter Dinner at the Empire Grill, May 8. Chapter President **Constantin Loudiadis**, BA 78 (7), was the night's emcee, and the more than 50 alumni and friends heard from the always entertaining and informative Graeme Decarie, S BA 60.

Boston/New England Chapter

On April 13, alumni from across New England gathered at the Canadian consulate in Boston to celebrate the launch of the CUAA Boston/New England chapter. Guests shared memories of Concordia and Montreal and chatted about the opportunities that brought them to New England. Nicole Saltiel, BA 85, GrDip 96, MA 99, Director of Operations of Advancement & Alumni Relations, delivered an enthusiastic presentation on recent developments at Concordia, while Canadian violinist Jen Kozbial entertained during the cocktail reception.

Lina Uberti, Alumni Officer for Geographic Chapters, Chapter President **Denis Kefallinos**, BEng 91, and **Michael Thompson**, S BComm 68, MBA 74.



Boston/New England and Ottawa chapter presidents

Although Constantin Loudiadis, BA 78, and Denis Kefallinos, BEng 91, graduated 13 years apart and in different programs, and today live about 500 km away from each other, as presidents of the Ottawa and Boston/New England chapters of the CUAA, respectively, they have quite a bit in common.

Both moved from Montreal years ago and are now well established in the high-tech industry — Constantin is Executive Vice-President of Qivliq LLC, a telecommunications and security company based in Washington, D.C., and Denis is a solution engineer for SAP America Inc., an enterprise software firm. Both are married — Constantin to Josée and Denis to Concordia alumna Giulia Paliotti, BSc 86, BEng 91 — with two young children.

From Concordia's point of view, their

most important similarity is their dedication to their alma mater. Upon returning to Canada after several years away, Constantin joined the Ottawa Chapter in 2004 and became president in 2005. "I wanted to give something back and to help others get a sense of belonging," he says. "I think everybody should give back to their community."

He has put himself solidly behind raising the Ottawa Chapter's profile, especially among younger grads. Recent Concordia Ottawa/Gatineau-area grads have already gathered for such events as bowling and comedy nights, and the Chapter is planning other activities for the year. Constantin is also aiming to bring on board a high-profile speaker for next year's 17th Annual Ottawa Alumni Chapter Dinner. His term as president will end in 2008.

Denis Kefallinos also wants to give back to his University and fellow alumni.

A short while ago, Denis, Stephan de Pénasse, BA 79, and Timothy Enman, BA 04, decided to work with Concordia's Advancement & Alumni Relations office to reinvigorate their local area alumni chapter. This April they successfully re-launched the Boston/New England Chapter and now, with Stephan as Vice-President and Tim as Secretary and Treasurer, they look forward to making the group stronger than ever.

Denis reports that the Chapter has set four goals: increase the competitive edge for existing and new CUAA alumni; develop an active and welcoming communication and social environment; raise the profile of Concordia in New England and increase alumni affinity; create a strong and self-sustaining alumni Chapter.

He likens getting word out about the Chapter to launching a new product. "We didn't know what to expect," he says, "but we've been pleasantly surprised." Denis looks forward to some exciting events throughout the year, adding, "We have some well-connected grads who want to give back in big ways." And, like Ottawa, the Boston/New England Chapter has some well-motivated ones as well. 🍀

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by Alex Carpini, Director of Planned Giving

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Some graduates in this listing have received more than one degree from Concordia, Sir George Williams and/or Loyola. These people are listed under their earliest year of graduation.

54 Hugh McQueen, L BSc (Eng), is a Concordia Professor Emeritus of Mechanical Engineering. He has tracked down more than 100 Loyola pre-engineering graduates (1945-65). They cele-

brated at a brunch, with a nice view of Montreal's 2007 St. Patrick's Day Parade from a conference room in Concordia's Engineering, Computer Science and Visual Arts Integrated Complex, March 17. Hugh would like to hear from any missed pre-engineering graduates, especially

those from the 1965-75 classes. mcqueen@encs.concordia.ca

67 The Hon. Paul Kane, L BA (comm. arts), was named judge of the Ontario Superior Court on June 4 in

Sudbury, Ont., from where he will be presiding. He was a Partner with Perley-Robertson, Hill & McDougall in Ottawa.

74 Raymond Corriveau, L BA (comm. arts), is a professor of communications at Université du Québec à Trois-



1 > Leiba Rustin, S BA 69, held a solo exhibit of pastels with mixed media images, "Sing Softly," at Galerie de la Ville in Dollard des Ormeaux, Que., May 30-June 30. Her work depicts objects and rooms from her mother's house. Leiba has participated in group exhibitions around Montreal, and is a member of the Association des artistes du Canal Lachine.

1) *Apartment 209, dresser with scarves*

2 > Gillian Wallis Johnston, S BFA 73, GrDip (art ed.) 95, MA (art ed.) 03, held an exhibit of her mixed media, "Recreating Eden," together with other artists at Galerie de la Ville in Dollard des Ormeaux, Que., April 26-May 27. Gillian, a Montreal artist, has exhibited in solo and group exhibitions in Toronto and Montreal. 2) *Fritillaria*

3 > Julianna Joos, BA (art history) 75, held an exhibit of her art work, "Noeud," at



Galerie Warren G in Montreal, March 30-April 20. Julianna has a master's degree from Université du Québec à Montréal and presently teaches and is the Assistant Chair of the Fine Arts department at Montreal's Dawson College. 3) *Jeu de cordes 3*

4 > Pierre Bibeau, BFA 88, held an exhibit of his art work, "Techniques mixtes en relief," at Galerie Vincent D'Indy, at the Centre multifonctionnel de Boucherville in Boucherville, Que., June 6-July 1. 4) *untitled*

5 > Wah Wing Chan, BFA (studio arts) 92, BFA (printmaking) 96, is exhibiting a series of prints, "They Are Everywhere," at Wilder & Davis Gallery in Montreal, May 4-August 3. This show features a range of collagraphs that combine elements of collage with traditional printmaking processes. Wing received an international purchase prize last fall from the 14th

Rivières, and is President of the Quebec Press Council.

75 Eduardo del Buey, MBA, lives in London, U.K. "After two years as Executive Director of the Canadian Foundation for the Americas, I was appointed Director of Communications and Public Affairs at the Commonwealth Secretariat in London. My initial term of duty is for three years. I continue to be on leave of absence from the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Canada, where I have served

since 1974. I am married to Mexican diplomat Laura Ramirez Rasgado, and we have a son, Sebastian. I look forward to hearing from friends and colleagues from the classes MBA 1974 and MBA 1975!" edelbuey@yahoo.com

Paul Crépeau, BA (comm. studies), is a freelance corporate video director in Montreal. "I have been directing for film and television, including documentary, educational television and commercial production,

over the past 24 years. To find out more you can visit my website: paulcrepeau.ca."

Mark David Gerson, BComm, has just published his first novel, *The MoonQuest*, now available in Canada through themoonquest.com and Amazon.com. "When I'm not on the road with the book and my personal growth seminars and creativity workshops, I live in Santa Fe, N.M. Please visit my website, markdavidgerson.com,

and blog, markdavidgerson.blogspot.com."

76 Lynette Monteiro, BSc (chem.), is a psychologist in Ottawa. "I am blessed with 27 years of marriage and a beautiful 24-year-old daughter — who seems not to like chemistry! I'm celebrating 10 years in private practice as a psychologist in Ottawa. My partner and I specialize in mindfulness-based interventions (ottawamindfulnessclinic.com) and work with a number of law enforcement agencies in Eastern Ontario. Mostly we enjoy life at our rural home just outside Ottawa."



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Seoul Space International Print Biennial. His carborundum print "Figure morte" was shown at the Seoul Museum of Art and is presently in the collection of Sukwoo Engineering Inc. Wing also participated in the Art & Paper VII Biennial last summer at the Jean-Claude-Bergeron Gallery in Ottawa. 5) *The Landing*

6 > Huguette Lévesque, BFA (studio art) 88, was part of a group exhibition, "Minusko," at Centre culturel Georges Vanier in Montreal, May 28-June 17. Huguette is a member of Visions sur l'art Québec (VSAQ). 6) *Pulsion*

7 > Linda Venne, MFA 99, took part in a group exhibit that featured her textiles, "Community Threads," at the Norah Rosamond Hughes Gallery at the Mississippi Valley Textile Museum in Almonte, Ont., May 11-July 8. The exhibition featured art and artefacts that

represent personal connections to the contemporary fibre arts. The bellies pictured in the images on Linda's Jacquard weavings are of her mother, who had given birth to nine children and had five miscarriages. 7) *Baby boom!*

8 > Keer Tanchak, BFA (studio arts) 00, held a solo exhibition of her new paintings, "The Idea of Reflection," at Galerie Sandra Goldie in Montreal, April 10-21, and held a show, "Sampling: appropriated images from Rococo to the internet," with another artist at the Bjornson Kajiwarra Gallery in Vancouver, June 7-30. Keer received an MFA from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago in 2003, and has exhibited in London, Montreal, Tampa, Chicago, Toronto and San Antonio. Her work brings French Rococo painters into a contemporary context. 8) *Sick* (from the Montreal exhibit)

79 Laurence Hutchman, MA (Eng.), has recently published his eighth book, *Selected Poems* (Guernica). In April he received the Alden Nowlan Award for Excellence in English-language Literary Arts. He teaches Canadian literature at the Université de Moncton in Edmundston, N.B., where he lives with his wife, Mary. www.umce.ca/arts_lettres/professeurs/lhutchma

81 John Bourgeois, BA (Eng. & theatre), lives in Toronto. "I'm currently the head of Acting at Humber College's School for the Creative and Performing Arts. In the fall of 2006, I appeared as Prospero in *The Tempest* for the Manitoba Theatre Centre."

Rajan Soni, MBA, is Chairman of Amro Institutes in Nashik, Maharashtra, India. "After having lived in Canada for 25 years, I moved back to India. I was a faculty member at both Concordia and McGill for 16 years, teaching management science. After building a hotel in Nashik, I am successfully running Amro Institutes, which

include three colleges specializing in degree programs in Hotel Management. I would like to hear from my batch mates." rajan_soni@hotmail.com

Brian K. Wilkinson, BComm, is President of Matrix Energy (matrixenergy.ca) in Kirkland, Que. "Since I started Matrix Energy back in 1985, we've grown to become both a distributor, serving more than 400 resellers across Canada and parts of the U.S., as well as a systems integrator, having just recently completed the installation of an 8.4 kWp grid tie solar system for Canada Customs and Revenue Agency. On the thermal side of things, Matrix has also been distributing solar air heating systems destined for non-residential use since 1990, including the world's largest solar air heating system, at Canadair. Members of my staff are currently working in conjunction with Concordia professor Andreas Athienitis to produce a net zero energy home as part of the recent Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation initiative. We work closely with several Montreal architectural and engineering



Sir George Williams grad-class presidents **Ken MacKeracher**, S BA 54 (left), and **Don Davison**, S BComm 55 (right), gathered recently at the home of **Bill Leet**, S BComm 54 (centre), to celebrate their respective 75th birthdays — all occurring within days of each other. While the threesome have been buddies for many years, the last time they celebrated their birthday together was their 21st, in 1953, at the Sir George COTC building in Montreal. Ken now lives in downtown Toronto, Bill lives in rural Prince Edward County and Don resides in Knowlton, Que.



Donna Stella Vekteris, BA (comm. studies & Eng.) 84, was awarded second prize for her story, "The Iguana Revisited," at the 2006 Quebec Writing Competition, announced at the Blue Metropolis Literary Festival, April 29. "I was one of approximately 11 anglophones who grew up in Montreal's east end. Since then, I have made and unmade homes in different parts of the city as well as Toronto, Mexico, Italy and France. After years in film and television (from dirty work on sets to dirtier work in the editing room), I turned to freelance writing and translating, producing magazine articles and several series of non-fiction books for younger readers. I currently make my home in NDG and Nice, France (above). 'The Iguana Revisited' is about how a culture evolves over time, in its own kooky way."

firms to maximize the renewable aspects of their LEED projects."

83 Gregory Pilsworth, BA (comm. studies), is an audio engineer for OMNI Television in Toronto, working as a voice director and in creative services.

84 John B. Joseph, BComm (mktg.), is an affiliated real estate agent for Groupe Sutton — Centre-Ouest Inc. in Montreal. "I made a career change to real estate in the Montreal market in 2006."

85 Rebecca Lancaster, BA (archeol. & classical philology), GrDip (DIA) 88, lives in East Jeddore, N.S. "I have worked for non-profit organizations for almost 20 years now. My family and I moved to Nova Scotia in 2003, a great place to live. I am

presently volunteering my time on the Musquodoboit Harbour Community Visioning Group, as part of the HRM Regional Plan. My current job, as Executive Director of Canadian Parents for French — Nova Scotia, brings together my diverse experience. I enjoy networking with people from across the province, the country and francophone organizations. Most of all, I enjoy our events, such as Le Français pour l'Avenir and Le Concours d'art oratoire, which involve young people across Nova Scotia."

John Udy, PhD (humanities), lives in Westmount, Que. He received a BA in Town & Country Planning from Durham University, England, in 1954, before his Concordia PhD. He held an art exhibition at the Claremont Restaurant in Westmount, May 16-June 30.

Kudos

86 Robert Petrera, BA (urban studies) 86, is a Certified Vacation Planner for Royal Caribbean Cruise Line in Miami Beach, Fla. "Here I am living where I finally wanted to be: sunny, warm, cosmopolitan Miami. After having moved here, I finally got my foot in the door working in the sales department at Royal Caribbean Cruise Line, a great, dynamic, fast-growing company."

89 Jim McLelland, BEng (civil), is Director, Project Development, for Spectra Energy, a natural gas transportation company in Houston, Tex. Jim and his wife, Andrea, have two children, Colin (5) and Kate (3), and they live in Richmond, Tex. "I was recently transferred to Houston, and am loving it."

91 Mustafa Nazarali, BComm (fin. & int'l. bus.), writes, "I moved to Toronto in 1997 to pursue my CA designation, and worked for a number of firms, including BDO Dunwoody LLP. I'm currently a senior manager in tax services at Grant Thornton LLP,

and teach an in-depth tax course for the CICA and introductory tax courses at the University of Toronto. I'm involved in a number of non-profit organizations, including the 519 Community Centre on Church Street. I'm training to accomplish a full marathon run in Toronto in the fall of 2007 and triathlon in Copenhagen in the summer of 2009. I'd love to hear from fellow classmates and friends: moose1313@rogers.com."

Chad Rabkin, BA (leisure studies), is an educator at the Centre réadaptation ouest Montréal. "I have been working with intellectually and physically handicapped adults in a group home setting since 1993."

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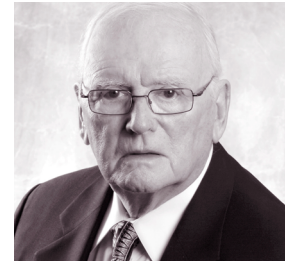
92 Al Voisine, EMBA, lives in Medicine Hat, Alta. "My wife and I took early retirement in 2004, and since then we've been exploring North America and generally enjoying life."

93 Anna Lombardi, BA (psych.), lives in

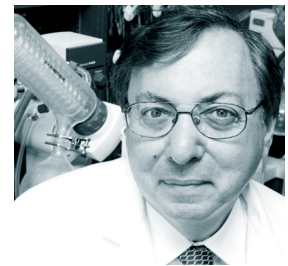
Carlos Messina, BSc 00, was recently awarded the 2006 Coach of the Year from the Quebec Soccer Federation, as well as from the Lake Saint Louis Region. A native of Uruguay, Carlos first came to Canada to study English at Concordia's Centre for Continuing Education. "I have worked for Concordia University for 20 years and have taught at Continuing Education's Computer Institute for 15 years. As a teacher, I use a parallel comparison between student and player-athlete. Last year as a coach of the Elite Lake Saint Louis Lakers U15 boys, I was able to apply this methodology to my team, which won every official game they played: 25 in total. Perfect marks — for a perfect year! Recently, I was invited to spend two weeks in Argentina to learn player development from professional first division clubs."



Don McNaughton, L attendee 49, received an honorary doctorate from Concordia's Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science at its June 19 convocation. Donald has been a great friend to Concordia for more than 30 years. While enjoying a successful career in advertising, he became an active volunteer for the Loyola Alumni Association and subsequently at Concordia. He chaired the University's Board of Governors from 1981 to 1987, and is now a Governor Emeritus. He received the Loyola Medal in 1991 and the Humberto Santos Award of Merit from the Concordia University Alumni Association in 2004.



Howard Alper, S BSc (chem.) 63, received an honorary doctorate from Concordia's Faculty of Arts and Science at its June 18 convocation. Howard was the first winner, in 2000, of the NSERC Herzberg Canada Gold Medal, which carried an award of \$1 million over five years. Currently, he is Vice-President Research at the University of Ottawa, known for developing tools to synthesize and modify molecules.



André Desmarais, BComm 78, received an honorary doctorate from Concordia's John Molson School of Business at its June 19 convocation. André is President and CEO of Power Corporation, which was turned into a major Canadian company by his father, Paul Desmarais Sr. Power Corporation has assets in North America, Europe and Asia in media, pulp and paper, and financial services. André was an honorary patron for Concordia's Campaign for a New Millennium, 1996-99.



St. Hubert, Que. "I am currently the Director of Corporate Recruitment at Keyrus — Conseil et Intégration en Intelligence d'Affaires, a consulting and systems integration firm in Montreal, specializing in business intelligence and data warehousing. I'm married with two girls (ages 4 and 1). Concordia gave me the necessary foundation to excel in my career — and for that, I am truly grateful."

94 Barry Julien, BA (comm. studies), is the newest (and the only Canadian) writer at *The Colbert Report*, starring Stephen Colbert. "Barry has written for *The Onion* and TV shows including CBC's *This Hour Has 22 Minutes* and *Talkshow with Spike Feresten*. He can't believe how much his rent is in New York. He also feels weird writing about himself in the third person."

InMemoriam

J. Fergus Cronin, S BA 48, died December 27, 2006, in Peterborough, Ont. Fergus went into journalism right out of Sir George, and he remained a journalist, editor and editor-in-chief for more than 55 years. He was the editor of the *Canadian Cancer Society Magazine* and wrote for such publications as the *Globe and Mail*, the *Montreal Star* and *Time*. Fergus was a long-serving and dedicated member of the Arts & Letters Club of Toronto, and he founded their writers' club. He is survived by his wife, Grace, and his sons, Roy, Dan, Kent, Peter and Mitchell. He was 88.

Richard Earle Cormier, S BComm 54, S BA 56, died in Calgary on May 5. Richard received an MBA from the University of Western Ontario in 1958, then worked in the investment industry in Montreal and Calgary until his retirement from Scotia McLeod. He was an avid skier and sailor, and loved his farm in Vermont. Richard is survived by his daughters, Anne Marie and Lynn. He was 75.

Ronal Gene "Peter" Fletcher, S BSc 56, S BA 64, died in Montreal on April 27. Peter received a DDS from McGill University, and had a family dental practice in Montreal for 40 years until his retirement in 2002. He loved his Eastern Townships cottage, his two dogs, and reworking old cars. He was also proud of his association with the Finnish

community. Peter is survived by his wife, Rachel, GrDip 78, and his children, David, Tim and Nancy. He was 73.

Ena Lazarus, S BA 69, died in Montreal on July 2, 2006. After graduating from Sir George, Ena completed her Master of Library Sciences from McGill University in 1971 and then worked in business journalism in Montreal and Toronto. She was very active in the McGill Women's Alumnae Association, particularly for their annual book fair. She is survived by her husband, Hugh Anderson, and her daughter, Sarah Beth.

Harvey Liverman, L attendee 72, died in Montreal on May 10. Harvey played basketball for the Loyola Warriors and was a long-time assistant coach for the Concordia Stingers basketball team. He is survived by his wife, Elaine Mestel, his mother, Beulah, and his children, Lauren, Jami and Carlos. Harvey was 58.

Ella Judith Beswick, BA 79, died in Calgary on March 10. Ella was born in Pambrun, Sask., the youngest of seven children, in 1918. After living in Montana, Winnipeg and Quebec, she moved with her family to Montreal in 1942. Later in life she entered Sir George Williams, eventually graduating from Concordia with a BA in theology and psychology. She moved to

Calgary in 1982. Ella is survived by her children, Gene, Elizabeth, Bill and Deborah. She was 88.

Brett Gannon, BComm 83, GrDip (acct.) 83, died in Vancouver on March 26. Brett was president and CEO of Killix Technologies, and was previously the president of Mainframe Entertainment, both in Vancouver. He is survived by his wife, Carole Nicholson, his mother, Lynne, and his daughters, Michele, Lyanne, Laura and Chloe. Brett was 46.

Capt. Shawn McCaughey, BA 99, died when the jet he was piloting crashed during a rehearsal for an air show in Montana on May 18. He was in his second year as a Canadian Forces Snowbird pilot. Shawn was a former flight instructor with 1,400 hours of military flying time. He joined the Canadian forces in 2000. He was 31.

Lucinda Mason, MFA 05, died in Glover, Vt., on March 9. Lucinda, who also received a BA from Bennington College in Bennington, Vt., was described as "an exuberant artist who could not be contained by paint and the canvas but instead used it to create compelling visions of a world." She is survived by her partner, Torin Porter, and her parents, Tikona Masson and Douglas Molde. She was 32.

95 Andrew Princz, BFA (art hist.), is a culture and travel writer, impresario, editor, journalist and producer. "I have travelled to over 40 countries reporting or conducting project management contracts. I'm the author of several travel guides, including Frommer's *Budapest & the Best of Hungary*, and author and publisher of *Bridging the Divide: Canadian and Hungarian Stories of the 1956 Revolution*, now used by Hungarian high schools. I am a regular contributor to many international publications, and was the founding editor of the Budapest-based monthly *DT — Diplomacy and Trade*. I also worked on the development and marketing of large format Imax film projects

in Canada, and in 2006 I line-produced the CBC docudrama *56ers*, a film recreating events of the 1956 Hungarian revolution. I have also worked at many galleries and dance companies, and I managed the French-Hungarian contemporary dance company Compagnie Pál Frenák."

Catherine Sutherland, GrDip (DSA), was appointed Director, IT Planning and Development, for Concordia's Instructional and Information Technology Services (IITS) in February. In this new role, Catherine will assist the Associate Vice President (IITS) in directing the implementation, design and selection of instructional and information technology.

Catherine holds a bachelor's degree in Psychology from the University of Western Ontario, and she is currently pursuing a certificate in Modern Chinese Language (Mandarin) and Culture at Concordia.

Tamara (Vineberg) Stecyk, BA (comm. studies & journ.), writes, "I recently moved to Edmonton. I'm married to Bill Stecyk and we have two children, Sarah (4) and Simon (1). My most recent position was the editor of the *Edson Leader*, a weekly newspaper in west central Alberta."

96 Kevin Gould, BA (broadcast journ.), and his wife, **Annick Gauthier**, BSc (biochem.) 96, recently

returned to Montreal after a decade in Vancouver and New York. Dr. Gauthier is pursuing hepatitis C research at Boehringer Ingelheim, while Kevin is producing news at CTV Montreal.

98 Nicole Vasquez, BFA (art history & photo.), lives in Ottawa and is a photo manager for Image Photo Services in Miami, Fla. "After university, I landed a job in Montreal working at Josten's photo studio as a photographer. After two years, I was offered a job on a cruise ship as a photographer and then as photo manager in my first year. I have now been a photo manager for seven years, travelling the world. I recently married a wonderful

man from Chile named Mauricio. I am looking forward to coming back to working on land and starting a family."

99 Kelly Norah Druker, BA (Eng. & cr. writing), won Second Prize – English, in the poetry category for the 2007 CBC Literary Awards, for *Still Lives*. After graduating from Concordia, Kelly taught ESL to adults in Montreal, and in 2001 she left Canada and travelled and worked in Switzerland, Holland, a village in the Pyrenees and Ireland. She lived on the isle of Inishmore, on the west coast of Ireland, for eight months. It had a profound influence on her work, which has been published in literary journals in Canada and New Zealand.

Henry Mooney, BA (econ.), received an MSc in International Political Economy at the London School of Economics in 2000. "I worked as economist and trade policy advisor with the Canadian Government from 2000 to 2002, and have been with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in Washington, D.C., since 2002. Now I'm on a leave of absence from the IMF to pursue a second master's in public administration at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. I plan to continue working in international economic policy with IMF or other international financial institutions."

Rachelle Salamon, BComm (int'l. bus.), lives in Montreal and is President of Club Montreal Sport & Social in St. Laurent. "After graduating, I lived in Spain and France, where I pursued a career with the Conseil Régional du Calvados. After I returned to Canada, to Toronto, for my MBA at the Schulich School of Business at York University, I founded Club Montreal Sport & Social, which organizes mixed recreational

team sports for adults, and currently employs five people. The company recently celebrated its third year anniversary."

00 Karla Aguilar, BA (French studies), is a French translator for Honda Canada in Scarborough, Ont. "After graduating in 2000, I went to Europe for a well-deserved holiday (as my graduation present), then lived in South Korea, where I taught ESL. I worked at my family's business upon my return to Canada, and now work for Honda Canada. I truly treasure all I learned at Concordia, especially the advice my teachers gave me (Go, modern languages department!). I am proud to be a Concordia alumna. The education is unmatched and the degree is your passport to the world! Drop me a line: aguilar.karla@yahoo.ca."

Svetlana Sidenko, MSc (admin.), is a Senior Project Manager for Andante, an IT company in Montreal.

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02 Rachelle Bergeron, BA (comm. studies), lives in Montreal. "Since graduating, I have been working in film and television, first as an intern and assistant, and now as an audio post-production director and part-time sound designer."

Xurxo Vidal, BComm (mgmt.), and **Martin Perron, BComm** (mktg.) 01, have recently re-launched their website, makeitbloom.com. Their company, Bloom Search Marketing Inc., offers professional search engine marketing services such as pay-per-click campaign management, audit and optimization, as well as personalized consulting. Xurxo and Martin are also actively seeking to work with non-profit organizations on a pro bono basis.

03 Jean-Philippe Guillemette, BComm (marketing & film studies), is a producer and director in Montreal. "After graduating from marketing, I had the opportunity to work at one of the biggest advertising agencies in Montreal. I recently moved to video production."

Kathleen Morrell, MA (applied linguistics), writes, "In November 2005, I left the winter chill of Montreal and headed for the hot desert climate of Doha, Qatar, on the Arabian Gulf. I teach English as a foreign language at the Qatar campus of the College of the North Atlantic, which is headquartered in Stephenville, Nfld." 📧

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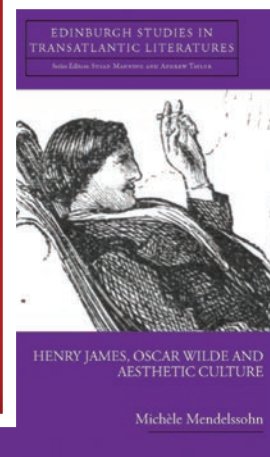
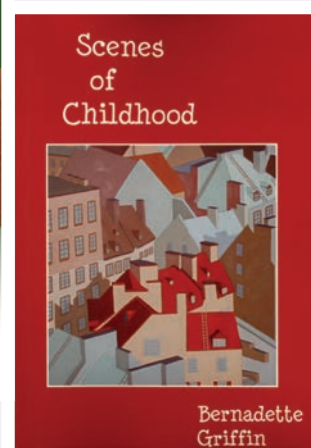
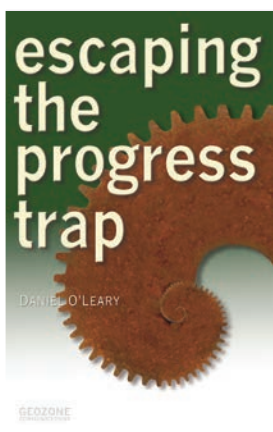
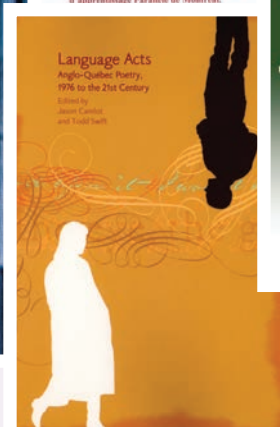
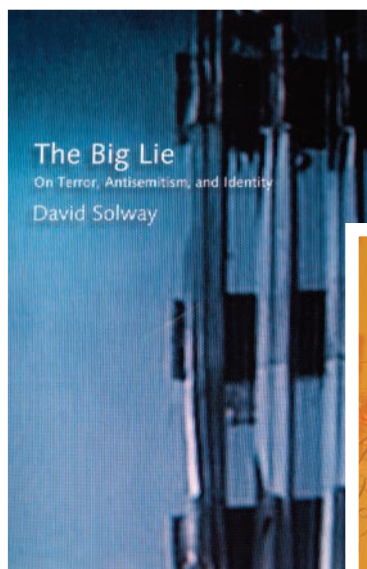
Aesthetic culture, childhood and big lies

David Solway, MA (Eng.) 88, doesn't pull punches. After 9/11, the self-professed (former) member of the Left spent the next five years re-searching the implications of those and other terrorist attacks, and the reaction to

Quebec and North America. Revaï was the master's supervisor at Concordia for Montreal art therapist **Yvon Lamy**, MA 82, and he pays

by **Jason Camlot**, BA (Eng. lit. & Western soc. & cult.) 90, an Associate Professor of English at Concordia and author of two collections of poetry, and **Todd Swift**, BA (cr. writing & Eng. lit.) 93, who has written three poetry collections and is the Oxfam GB Poet in Residence in London, U.K.

BA (languages & trans.) 90, revisits the Quebec City and its people of her childhood in the 1940s and '50s, in **Scenes of Childhood** (Shoreline Press, \$18.95), her first book. Bernadette lives in Montreal and has worked as an independent translator and published several essays, feature articles and poems.



them by the West. The result is **The Big Lie: On Terror, Antisemitism, and Identity** (Lester, Mason & Begg, \$24.95), a refutation of what David calls "conciliation, sophistry, and equivocation" towards radical Islam by Western media, academia, the literary world and politicians. David is an award-winning Montreal author of more than 25 books of poetry, criticism, educational theory and travel.

Marie Revaï, an artist who worked in the Allan Memorial Institute's occupational therapy department from 1957 to 1975 in Montreal, was instrumental in developing the profession of art therapy in

homage to Revaï by telling her important story in **Marie Revaï, pionnière de l'art-thérapie au Québec** (\$22, available through Centre d'Apprentissage parallèle).

The first Parti Québécois government in Quebec was elected in 1976, and caused a major upheaval in the Anglo community. The mood was reflected in the poetry of local writers. **Language Acts: Anglo-Quebec Poetry, 1976 to the 21st Century** (Véhicule Press, \$22.95) gathers 25 essays that assess the important Anglo-Quebec poetry of the past 30 years. *Language Acts* is edited

In **Escaping the Progress Trap** (Geozone Communications, \$19.50), **Daniel O'Leary**, BA (sci. & human affairs) 90, argues that industry, science and technology often create more problems than they can solve, resulting in an unavoidable "progress trap." He provides compelling reasons for revising traditional views on progress and ending our adversarial relationship with the environment. Daniel works in communications at the McGill University Health Centre.

Through 10 short pieces of fiction, **Bernadette Griffin**,

Michèle Mendelssohn, BA (Eng. lit.) 98, a lecturer in English and American Literature at the University of Edinburgh in the U.K., has completed her first book, **Henry James, Oscar Wilde and Aesthetic Culture** (Edinburgh University Press, \$138). Michèle's study demonstrates how Henry James and Oscar Wilde's complicated relationship — they both admired and disdained each other's talents — contributed to shaping the transatlantic culture of aestheticism, and illuminates a fascinating literary friendship. ▀

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101st Annual General Meeting

September 12, 2007, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

The Loyola Alumni Association Inc. will hold its 101st Annual General Meeting in the Administration Building, 7141 Sherbrooke St. W., Loyola Campus, in Room AD-308 at 4:30 p.m. The meeting is to be held for the purpose of receiving reports and the election of the 2005-2006 board of directors and officers.

All alumni of Loyola College, Concordia University and Sir George Williams University are invited to attend. There will be a reception after the meeting.

To register: 514-848-2424 ext. 4397

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The Office of Advancement & Alumni Relations is seeking members of the 1982 Concordia Stingers Football

team as part of an effort to plan a special reunion event this fall. If you or someone you know played on this team, please contact Valerie Roseman at valerie.roseman@concordia.ca or at 514-848-2424 ext. 5647.



Thank you, Concordia

BY AMANI SAWAYA, BComm 80

My life would be very different if it were not for Canada and Concordia University.

I was born in Egypt in 1958, but moved at a young age with my family to Beirut, Lebanon, where my father was transferred for business.

My parents, my older brother, Rawi, and I lived comfortably in Lebanon until 1975, when civil war broke out, a war that would drag on until 1990, terribly damaging much of the beautiful country and leaving deep scars that remain until today, as the recent sectarian violence reminds us.

After the start of the civil war in 1975, my parents sent my brother to Egypt for his safety. Shortly thereafter, I travelled with my mother to visit Rawi in Cairo for three days. Those three days turned into six months. The violence had flared up back home, and my parents decided that that it would be best for my mother and me to remain in Egypt with my brother. My father stayed in Beirut but travelled back and forth over the next several months.

Concordia gave me a chance when others wouldn't or couldn't – just as this country did.

I was fortunate not to be in the war-ravaged city, but I was in limbo. I was 18 at the time and knew that I wanted to leave Egypt and attend university. But where to? If I went to Europe to study and live, I was well aware that I would always be a stranger, a non-European, an outsider.

One day in 1976 I was with my cousin, Dina Hawi, and we walked by the Canadian Embassy in Cairo. We decided to go in, a moment that changed our fates. We were quickly sold on the country. I knew that if



A boy plays in front of building damaged during the 1975-90 civil war in Beirut, Lebanon, in 2006. Amani Sawaya was able to flee the country and arrive in Canada and Concordia in 1976.

I moved there I could eventually become a true Canadian, especially in multicultural Montreal. My whole family and my cousin applied for emigration visas, and we were soon permitted to enter Canada.

My family arrived in Montreal on August 1, 1976 — the day of the Olympics' closing ceremonies. We stayed with friends until we settled in. My parents continued to live mostly in Lebanon until they immigrated permanently in the '80s.

I was anxious to go to university, but I had no documentation of my schooling back in Lebanon. I visited McGill and Université du Québec à Montréal, but they couldn't take me without my

papers. Then I visited Concordia. Remarkably, they allowed me to register that fall as an independent student. My brother Rawi was also accepted.

After I completed six courses, I was accepted into the commerce program (now the John Molson School of Business), in accounting and marketing. Rawi and I both completed our BComm in December 1979, and at the June Convocation in 1980 we received our degrees — a proud day for our family.

Many of my significant life events happened during my Concordia days: In August 1979 I married Joseph Sawaya, and a few months later I became a Canadian citizen. And the University was my springboard for a successful career in banking.

I began at the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce in 1979, then a few years later joined the Republic National Bank of New York. The bank was bought by HSBC Canada in 2000, and that year I became HSBC Canada's Vice President, Head of Private Banking and Personal Financial Services.

Concordia gave me a chance when others wouldn't or couldn't — just as this country did. My life would be different if the people at the University hadn't believed in me, and I hope I've proven them right. Today, my son Marc studies at the JMSB (my other son, Paul, graduated from the University of Ottawa), and I know that he'll also be prepared to begin his career on solid ground.

Canada and Concordia saved my life — I'll be forever grateful. 🐾

Amani Sawaya, BComm 80, is Vice President, Head of Private Banking and Personal Financial Services, for HSBC Canada.

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